

REMARKS

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 2-15 are pending, with claim 5 being the only independent claim. Claim 1 is cancelled. Claims 2 and 6-14 are withdrawn from consideration. Claim 15 has been added.

The Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider all outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn in view of the following remarks.

Priority

The Examiner has acknowledged Applicant's claim for foreign priority based on the following Korean applications:

KR 20-2002-0035420, filed November 27, 2002;
KR 20-2003-0000771, filed January 10, 2003; and
KR 20-2003-0036369, filed November 21, 2003.

However, the Examiner has asserted that Applicant has not filed certified copies of the foreign applications as required by 35 U.S.C. § 119(b).

The present application was submitted under 35 U.S.C. § 371 and Applicant asserts that certified copies of the foreign applications were timely furnished under PCT Rule 17 during the international phase. Applicant submits herewith a copy of the PCT Notification Concerning Submission or Transmittal of Priority Document as well as printouts of the stamped first pages of the foreign applications available publicly on the WIPO website that indicate a WIPO receipt date of December 12, 2003 and compliance with PCT Rule 17.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's indication that claim 5 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant further appreciates the Examiner's suggested amendment to claim 1.

In view of the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter and suggested claim 1, Applicants have rewritten claim 5 and believe that claim 5 is now in condition for allowance.

Claim Objections

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's suggested claim amendment to place the claims in proper form for U.S. practice. As indicated above, claim 5 has been rewritten in light of the Examiner's suggested claim.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

The Examiner rejected claims 1, 3 and 4 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 4,216,617 to Schmidt. Claim 1 has been canceled, thereby rendering this rejection moot with regard to that claim.

Furthermore, as discussed above, claim 5 has been rewritten in accordance with the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter and claims 3 and 4 have been amended to depend from independent claim 5. Because claims 3 and 4 depend from allowable claim 5, they too are allowable.

New Claim 15

Claim 15 has been added, reciting that the receptacles have a rectangular cross section. Support for claim 15 may be found in the specification, drawings and claims as originally filed. In particular, support may be found at page 10, line 26; in Figures 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 12, 13, 14, 16, and 20; and in claim 1.

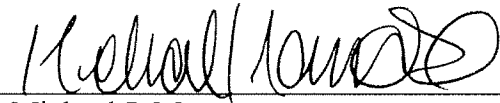
Conclusion

It is believed this amendment now has placed the application in condition for consideration and allowance. If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this and concurrent replies to charge payment (or credit any overpayment) to Deposit Account No. 50-2298 for any additional required fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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